THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit

: 1764

Examiner

: T. Dang

Serial No. Filed

: 09/589,588 : June 8, 2000

Inventors

: Akira Kitamura

: Ryoji Ichioka

Title

: Shinobu Yamakawa : METHOD FOR CONVERTING

: AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket: 1197-00

Confirmation No.: 1857

TETHOD FUNCTION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Box AF Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby respectfully claim a three (3) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) extending the time for Response to the outstanding Official Action dated April 24, 2002 from July 24, 2002 to October 24, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$920.00 is being submitted herewith pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

Confirmation of the foregoing Extension of Time is respectfully solicited.

10/30/2002 MAHMED1 00000119 09589588

01 FC:1253

920.00 OP

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3405. A duplicate copy of this claim is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Daniel Christenbury Reg. No. 31,750

Attorney for Applicants

TDC:gj (215) 563-1810